Nano-Science and Technology Mission is being launched which will provide further boost to this area in a comprehensive manner including nano-technology development through increased public-private partnerships and entrepreneurial ventures.

Implementation of National Policy for Older Persons in Andhra Pradesh

2075. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by Government under the National Policy on Older Persons in Andhra Pradesh since the inception of the scheme;

(b) whether any monitoring mechanism has been put in place to oversee the implementation of the above programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Government of India adopted the National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP). Based on the directions of the Central Government, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh nominated the Commissioner, Disabled Welfare as nodal officer for implementation of NPOP in the State. Further, the State Government has also constituted State Council headed by the Chief Secretary for implementation of the NPOP. An action-plan has also been prepared involving all the State Government Departments and Non-Governmental Organizations for implementing various schemes. The State Government is also implementing Annapurna Scheme, Indiramma Programme and Old Age Pension Scheme. Further, 236 Old Age Homes, 57 Day Care Centres and 15 Mobile Medical Care Units are functioning in Andhra Pradesh. The World Elders Day was also celebrated at State level in Hyderabad on 1st October 2003 and 2004.

Allotment of residential flats/plots to SC/ST

2076. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by the National Commission for SC/ST after issuing letter No. 11/A 139/2003/E-1/UP dated 9th December, 2003 on issue of giving reservation in allotment of residential flats/plots to SC/ST;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of letters received from the 3rd December, 2003 to till date from "All India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped People's Upliftment" on this issue and the latest position of the case; and

(d) by when action will be taken and association will be informed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) The New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA), in their letters dated 02.08.2006, apprised the National Commission for Scheduled Castes that the matter in regard to giving reservation in allotment of residential plots/flats for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in NOIDA was put before their Board, which decided to seek the directions of Government of Uttar Pradesh. In this regard, the Commission has received five representations from All India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped People's Upliftment, since 03.12.2003.

Status of proposals for welfare of disabled

†2077. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commission for Disabled Persons has sent some cases to Chhattisgarh administration for disposal on priority basis;

(b) if so, when these cases were sent;

(c) the names of the persons whose cases are included in them and since when decision on them is pending and the cases which have been disposed off; and

(d) the details of the cases related to the physically disabled retired persons which were sent for disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No Sir. There is no Commission for Disabled Persons in the Ministry.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.